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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF ITALIAN MEMCON ON EC COMMISSIONER CHEYSSON'S
APRIL MEETING WITH KING HASSAN ON GOM/EC NEGOTIATIONS

1. ECONOFF FROM EC COUNTRY ON MAY 4 SHOWED ECOUN MEMCON
PREPARED BY ITALIAN AMBASSADOR (DEAN OF EC AMBASSADORS) FOR
EC COLLEAGUES RE COMMISSIONER CHEYSSON'S MID-APRIL MEETING
WITH KING HASSAN. REFERRING FROM TIME TO TIME TO AIDE-MEMOIRE,
KING'S REMARKS WERE DIRECTED TO THREE ASPECTS OF EC/GOM
NEGOTIATIONS: CITRUS EXPORTS, INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS, AND
ACCESS TO EC INVESTMENT FUND. KING ALSO DISCUSSED TIMING
AND MODALITIES FOR SIGNATURE.

2. ON CITRUS, KING NOTED THAT INDUSTRY WAS DEVELOPED UNDER
FRENCH PROTECTORATE AND HAS HERETOFORE ENJOYED PREFERENTIAL
ACCESS TO FRENCH MARKET. USSR NOW TAKING INCREASING QUANTITIES
AND SOVIET MARKET STRONG. GOM AWARE OF CUBAN EXPERIENCE
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WITH SOVIETS AND WISHES AVOID SUCH PROBLEMS. "MOROCCO HAS

CHOSEN EUROPE AND EUROPE MUST ACCEPT MOROCCO".

3. ON INDUSTRIAL SIDE, KING ASSERTED FAMILIAR THEME THAT MOROCCO REQUIRES LONG-TERM COMMITMENT FROM EC IN ORDER TO PERMIT RATIONAL PROJECTION OF ITS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

4. FINANCIALLY, KING INSISTED ON ACCESS TO EC INVESTMENT FUND "WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS ON HOW FUNDS TO BE USED".

5. KING WENT ON TO NOTE THAT MOROCCO NOT BOUND TO PROCEED AT SAME PACE IN NEGOTIATIONS AS ALGERIA "WHICH HAS GOVERNMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS QUITE DISTINCT FROM OUR OWN". AS REPORTED BY ITALIAN AMBASSADOR, KING INDEED SEEMED DELIBERATELY TO BE PUTTING DISTANCE BETWEEN MOROCCO AND ALGERIA IN EC TALKS.

6. CHEYSSON INTERVIEW CONCLUDED WITH KING'S EXPRESSION OF HOPE FOR EARLY ACCORD TO BE SIGNED IN RABAT "WITH ALL CEREMONY" BETWEEN HIMSELF AND EC REPRESENTATIVE.

7. COMMENT: WE READ STATEMENT ON ALGERIA AS SIGNIFICANT IN LIGHT OF SEVERAL RECENT MANEUVERS TO SEPARATE MOROCCAN AND ALGERIAN INTERESTS, INCLUDING APPARENT ELIMINATION OF ALGERIAN PETROLEUM PURCHASES IN FAVOR OF IFAQ AS WELL AS OTHER INDICATIONS HARDENING GOM/ALGERIAN RELATIONS. KING'S DESIRE FOR HIGH PROFILE SIGNING OF ACCORD FITS IN WITH RECENT MEASURES TO DRAMATIZE GOVERNMENT'S SUCCESS IN DEALING WITH ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AS WELL AS TO SOLIDIFY POPULAR SUPPORT FOR SAHARA POLICY AND PROSPECTIVE ELECTIONS. AS WE INTERPRET USEC AND MEDIA REPORTING ON CURRENT PROBLEM OF BRINGING ITALY ALONG WITH COMPROMISES ARRIVED AT DURING NEGOTIATIONS, CHEYSSON APPEARS TO HAVE CORRECTLY UNDERSTOOD VITAL DOMESTIC SIGNIFICANCE OF EARLY EC ACCORD IN RELATIONSHIP GROWING GOM REQUIREMENT FOR ACCESS TO EC CAPITAL FUND, OR OTHER OUTSIDE SOURCE OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE, AS WELL AS PRESSING NEED TO GIE FIRM DIRECTION TO DEVELOPMENT PLAN WHICH CURRENTLY UNDERGOING MID-STREAM REVISION. AS INTERESTING SIDELIGHT, WHILE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING MAY 5 TO EXPLORE WAYS OUT OF NEGOTIATING STALEMATE RESULTING FROM ITALIAN VETO (SAID TO BE SUPPORTED BY FRENCH), FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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D'ESTAING IS IN RABAT FOR STATE VISIT. ISSUE UNDOUBTEDLY BEING DISCUSSED INFORMALLY, AT LEAST AT TECHNICAL LEVEL, BUT EC PROBLEM NOT ON FORMAL AGENDA AND NOTWUING ALLOWED LTO INTERFERE WITH SUCCESS OF GISCARD VISIT. END COMMENT.
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